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BRITAIN IN THROES OF GREAT UPHEAVAL, DALTON SAYS

SMUGGLING CHARGES DENIED

London, Aug. 7.
Far from wanting to make Hong Kong a base for smuggling into China, the Government was doing everything in its power to put a stop to these activities," said the Government spokesman yesterday.

He was referring to a press report from Nanking which stated that Hong Kong was not co-operating with Chinese authorities.

"The most recent case of the Shinkang is an indication of Government's efforts in this direction.

"It is but one of some 500 cases which had been prosecuted over the past year," the spokesman said.

He added that the report that the British authorities had ignored Chinese representations for the conclusion of a financial agreement to prevent smuggling into China and aid China in her economic recovery was also misleading.

Negotiations between representatives of the Chinese Government and the Hong Kong Government are in progress in Hong Kong, he declared.

He was, however, unable to reveal how far they had progressed on what level they were being conducted.

EXPLOSION ON FREIGHTER

Melbourne, Aug. 7.
The explosion of sodium nitrate aboard the 6,000-ton British freighter, *Mahia*, in Melbourne harbour today killed at least three and seven others were reported to be missing.

The explosion started off in number five hold and spread later to number four hold.

All crew members were ordered ashore.

Later the pumping of water into the flames caused a 30-degree list to the ship.

The *Mahia* was owned by Shaw, Savill and Albion Company. The victims of the explosion were believed to be dock workers.

Berne, August 6.
The wife of the Argentine President, Eva Peron will return direct to the Argentine from Switzerland without visiting any other European country.

Reuter.

RED GIVES FIST SALUTE IN DOCK

With his right hand raised and fist clenched Tse Kwo-wah shouted "Long live the Communist Party" as he was being led away from the dock at the Supreme Court yesterday after he had been sentenced to death by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall.

He has been found guilty by the jury of the murder of Lo Yuk-ling, killed in an explosion on March 1 at the Ko Shing Theatre.

This case, which was tried by a special jury, lasted six days and concluded yesterday morning after an hour and a half summing up by the judge and a ten-minute retirement of the jury, before passing sentence. The Justice said to accused that he had been found guilty of killing Lo Yuk-ling with the verdict.

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United Press correspondent Ernest Horrochi, who just completed a flight over 100 square miles of flooded farm land, said the area lies between the old and new courses of the Yellow River.

Two thousand people were made homeless by the flooding and were in some places cut off from their roads, according to our reporter, which estimated the area as many as 10,000 villages and farms were made

Millionaire's Son Was Kidnapped

Shanghai, Aug. 7.
The Shanghai District Procurator today indicted Su Wan-tai on charges of kidnapping Li An-ji, son of Mr. Li Sha-chin, the well-known Manila Chinese multi-millionaire.

According to a report in the Shanghai Evening Post, Su, now detained at the District Procurator, was said to have kidnapped Li.

He held him for 1,000,000 pesos ransom.

He came to Shanghai early this year and was arrested here following the arrest of an accomplice, the report added.—Reuters.

Battle Over Sungari

Shanghai, Aug. 7.
Chinese reports from Mukden claimed today that the Nationalists opened an attack on the Kirin front in Eastern Manchuria on Wednesday after secretly crossing the Sungari River.

The reason for this is that the continent of Europe, of which we ourselves are an island outpost, and large parts of the continent of Asia have been war wounded, ravaged, bombed, invaded and occupied by the common enemy and their recovery and productivity have been much slower than we had expected," he said.

U.S. Loan

Turning to the American loan, Mr. Dalton said: "Had we refused the American loan, with the terms and conditions attaching to it, we should have run into this same storm a year sooner."

"In the past year we have increased our strength and we are stronger in many respects.

"We have very much better possibilities now than when the loan was negotiated of increasing our future productivity.

"When this loan was negotiated both we and the Americans and all experts thought this loan would give us some three years of help."

"Well, in fact, we have had not three years but only some 14 months of breathing space and the shortening of the period has greatly accentuated the difficulties which we all foresaw."

Mr. Dalton was interrupted frequently and had a sharp exchange with Mr. James Steward, former Chief Whip of the National Government.

Expenditure

Mr. Dalton gave the following outline of total expenditure:

During the year ended June 30, direct United Kingdom purchases in the United States accounted for \$1,540,000,000 against earnings in the United States in exports of \$340,000,000.

His total British spending in the United States was divided to 25 per cent on food, 27 per cent on raw materials (including petroleum), 14 per cent on machinery, seven per cent on ships, 12 per cent on tobacco, four per cent on motion pictures and 11 per cent on food and other supplies for Germany.

In the same period \$815,000,000 were spent by the British in Canada and South America, Mr. Dalton said.—United Press.

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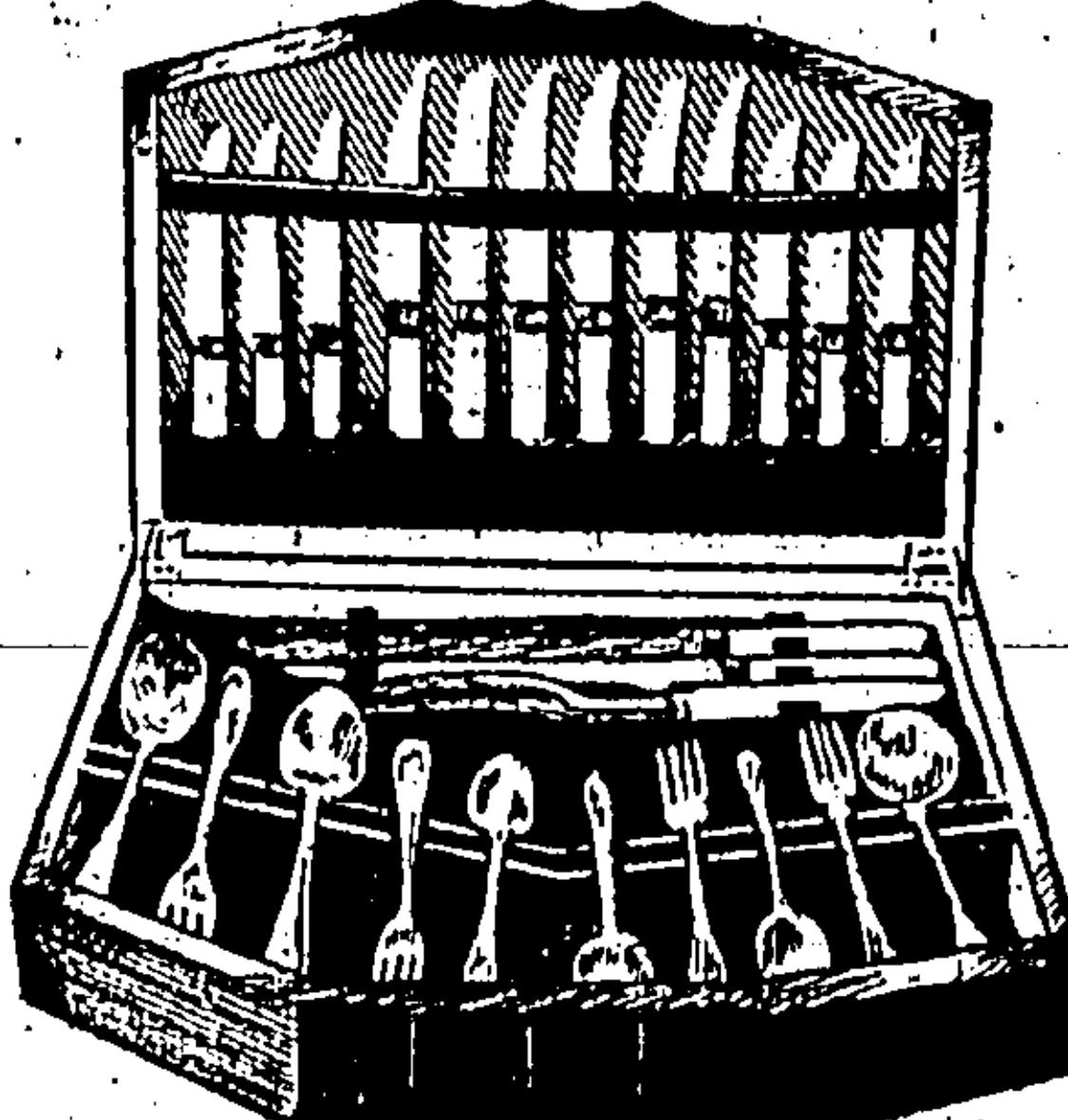
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H.K. FIRM SETS GOOD CARGO RECORD

A record of remarkable progress and achievement in rehabilitation and handling of cargo coming into the Colony during the year 1946, was revealed from the chair at the 56th ordinary annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., held in Jardine's board room yesterday.

The Company had expended nearly two and a half million dollars on rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Reference was made to organised cargo pilferage from which Hong Kong suffered very badly in 1946; but due to concerted action a considerable improvement in the situation has since been effected.

Among measures adopted by the Wharf Company to counteract the activities of thieving gangs, as revealed at the meeting, was the organisation of a Wharf Police Force of 106 men under eight trained European officers, in addition to private watchmen and detectives.

The meeting was presided over by the Hon. Mr. D.F. Lauderdale, assisted by the Hon.

Mr. M.K. Lo and Messrs.

N.O.C. Marsh, L. Kadoorie,

H.D. Benham, T.B. Wilson,

A.H. Penn and A.C. Offenbacher (Directors) and Mr. Chas. E.

Terry (Manager and Secretary).

Opening the meeting the Chairman said:

"Although the first commercial ship to enter the port was handled by us in December, 1946, commercial cargo did not commence to arrive in any volume until April, 1946. During the year 1945, we handled a total of 451 vessels which discharged 767,000 tons of cargo in our port. Although the volume of vessel traffic is considerably less than pre-war figures, the tonnage handled compares favourably, especially having in mind world-wide post-war conditions."

"For the first six months of this year, the figures are 209 vessels, landing 328,000 tons of cargo, which I think shows a satisfactory position."

"Throughout the year a steady improvement in the rate of discharge, has been effected, and on several occasions recently we have attained pre-war rates of discharge in spite of operational difficulties. Our average discharge figures are considerably better than those prevailing in most other ports."

"Storage earnings during 1946 were satisfactory, and so far this year our storage accounts have been in credit. The marine and lighter fleet are also being well maintained."

"At the time of our Annual Meeting last year, the fleet stood at 46 lighters only out of our pre-war fleet of 120 craft. By recovery from Canton, local salvage, and purchase of new craft, we have now increased this number to 31, with a total capacity of 7,600 tons of cargo on our hand. In addition to the continuation of our marine and lighter fleet, the rehabilitation programme outlined at our last meeting has progressed satisfactorily."

"The re-roofing of No. 14 transit shed is now completed, and this much needed addition to our cargo handling facilities is once more in operation. Constructional steel for 25-A transit shed has arrived, and reconstruction of this shed is well under way."

"Extensive general maintenance repairs have been effected to the whole property, but with the exception of 25-A transit shed, no actual rebuilding of demolished godowns has so far taken place. Our badly damaged and unsafe house property in Canton Road and Ashley Road has been demolished and the site cleared."

"Our West Point Godowns have been completely reconditioned, and storage space therein is well occupied."

"Your Directors consider that first priority in rehabilitation must be given to our wharves. Repairs to the sabotaged damage to our newest concrete wharf, No. 6, are in hand, and will shortly be completed. Plans for reconstruction of No. 14 wharf are ready, and awaiting final Government's decision on the revision of lease. We have been informed that Government are prepared to grant a new lease in respect of our West Point wharf, although the terms and conditions will remain to be decided. Your Board have decided to proceed forthwith with its reconstruction on modern lines."

"We have not received any decision from Government in respect of our Kowloon wharves, but it is obvious that provision must be made for maintaining this essential port facility. Plans are therefor in hand for the rebuilding of No. 1 wharf, which has also been out of commission since the re-opening, as until this time the available will be impossible to obtain the required wharfage for the valuable reconditioning and repair rendered necessary by war damage."

"This programme entails considerable capital expenditure."

"In December, 1946, we were compelled to increase certain of the rates in our provisional tariff of charges. These rates remained unaltered until charges for all cargo handling, port services, and port dues were consolidated by us, to create one single consolidated bill, together with considerable increases in rates, head, rigging and maintenance expenses. This was particularly noticeable in respect of our launch and lighter fleet, to which I have already referred. The Company's pre-war policy of charging flat rates, where possible, has been abandoned. The new rates are based on a sliding scale, and in accordance with the results obtained in the speed and efficiency of cargo handling, have fully justified this policy."

"Despite the increases in rates, our charges for cargo handling in general will compare very favourably with any other port in the world, and our handling rates are lower than prevailing rates in all other ports, and in fact, considerably lower than those in the U.S.A. and Canada."

"Our common with all parts of the world where cargo is handled, is that our rates are competitive with those of all other ports in the world. And the rate of import of the Hong Kong Trade, is the lowest in the world."

"The Company's policy is to keep its charges as low as possible, commensurate with an efficient service."

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Commodore Praises Colony

"It is with very great pleasure that I take over my appointment as Commodore, for I had twice been on this station before the war, and well know the friendliness and co-operation that are always extended by all in the Colony."

With these words Hong Kong's new Commodore greeted the Press in his first interview yesterday morning.

Commodore Robertson arrived the previous day by air.

He said he was here in 1925-26 and again in 1933-34, attached to the cruiser "Despatch" and

to the staff of Admiral Dreyer on HMS "Kent".

The new Commodore was introduced by his predecessor, Commodore Everett, who will be leaving on Saturday.

Commodore Everett said: "It has been most interesting and instructive watching the port go ahead during the last two years."

"I know that the results achieved are due entirely to the cooperation that has always existed between the Services and the business and civil community.

"I sincerely hope that I may return one day to see you all again."

Coming Events

August 12—HK & S'pore Hotels annual meeting, noon.

Personalia

The following were passengers by C.P.A. planes:

From Singapore:—F.D. Pratt,

G.A. Campbell, V.T. Armstrong,

C.P. Sorenson, Ho Thao and Maj.

P.N. Sengson.

From Bangkok:—Miss Lim

Chiu Huang, Mrs. Li Shu Pui, Dr.

Teh Pui and Chan Yen Yen.

For Manila:—F.D. Pratt, G.A.

Campbell, V.T. Armstrong, C.P.

Sorenson, Ho Thao, Mrs. Maria J.

Paterin, Le Fuk Ke, Mrs. Chan

Lai, Miss Rita Lo, Carpenter,

Go Dog, Chiu Go and J. Bushforth.

Messrs. Percy Smith & Co. and Messrs.

Pearl Marwick Mitchell & Co. were re-appointed auditors of the Company.

The Chairman then called upon the Secretary to read the notice convening the extraordinary general meeting convened to discuss the proposed amalgamation.

The first resolution authorised an increase of the Company's authorised capital from \$8,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

The second resolution set the limit to the holding of any single shareholder to not more than one-tenth of the issued share capital without the sanction of the Directors.

The third resolution was for the issue of 50,000 new shares to existing shareholders in the proportion of one new share for every existing share held, at the nominal value of \$50 each, plus a premium of \$50 a share, or \$100 in all.

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"PILLS FOR EARTHQUAKE"

Austerity Cuts Less Than Expected

The Fundamental Cure

London, Aug. 6. Financial experts here tonight described as "even graver than had been generally expected" several of the implications of the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee's crisis speech to the House of Commons today.

That some of the austerity cuts are less severe than was expected is clearly because of his recognition that cuts by themselves are merely "pills liable to do more harm than good," they pointed out.

For a fundamental cure the whole situation has been the acceleration of the loan obligations of convertibility and nondiscrimination, which Mr. Attlee described as "disastrous" to Britain and no advantage to the United States or anyone else, and on measures for enlarging and redirecting production.

Cuts are only a stop-gap until these fundamental remedies can take effect.

Meanwhile, the previously announced coal and steel targets for 1947 and the export target for June, 1948 have not apparently been raised, and Mr. Attlee merely announced higher steel and export targets for later dates. The achievement of the new export target for December, 1948 (160 per cent of pre-war) would still fall short of redressing Britain's balance of payments.

Ultimate Reserves

His disclosure that Britain's "ultimate reserves" (her own stock of gold and dollars) are £600,000,000 disillusioned hopes that the gold stock had been enlarged during this year. This is actually below the last published figure of £643,000,000 at the end of 1946. Accumulation during this year must thus have been small, not even enough to offset the £50,000,000 of gold transferred to the International Monetary Fund last February. He significantly added that these ultimate reserves cannot be allowed to fall below a certain point.

Perhaps his gravest disclosure was that although Britain's own trade deficit with the United States in the first half of this year was £176,000,000 her total dollar deficit was £205,000,000, (at the rate of £810,000,000 a year) and "the most serious aspect of the

LEGISLATIVE TUSSLE

London, Aug. 6. The House of Lords today ended another long tussle with the House of Commons, by accepting the rejection by the House of Commons of their amendments to the Government's agriculture and transport nationalization bills. Both bills were given Royal Assent and are now law.—Reuter.

tighter control over public and private capital investments, implies retrenchment of all post-war capital developments.

Leading economists have recently argued that this was the only way in which Britain could make ends meet. They coupled this with the policy which Mr. Attlee also announced, of longer hours in the basic industries, wherever longer hours can contribute to increased production.

Both halves of the policy of trying to maintain basic rations while taking no risks with stocks were also advocated by responsible unofficial economists.

Food Cuts

The only risk which is to be taken with stocks—whose maintenance is regarded by economists as vital—is apparently by trying to postpone part of the purchases of raw cotton. This should be feasible, since stocks of raw cotton are an exception to the general threadbareness of Britain's economy. They were recently reported at an all-time record, sufficient for about 18 months consumption.

The projected cut in food imports by £12,000,000 a month or by £144,000,000 a year is substantial. Because of higher overseas prices, the estimate for total food imports was raised in July from £725,000,000 to £840,000,000 a year.

Imports of general consumer goods had already been cut from £35,000,000 £30,000,000 and are now further cut to £25,000,000.

The absence of any announcement of further cuts in imports of machinery and equipment speaks for itself. Previously, they were estimated at only £55,000,000 in a total import of £1,700,000,000.

Raw materials were placed at £40,000,000 and, excepting the possible reduction of cotton stocks, the only cut which Mr. Attlee announced was £10,000 on timber.

Convertibility

The previous import programme provided for only 70 to 80 per cent of the pre-war volume. With the further cuts now announced, it will clearly be a tight squeeze to maintain a tolerable standard of living and at the same time to find the wherewithal for exports scheduled to reach 140 or 150 per cent of the pre-war volume.

Mr. Attlee's remark that "unless the multilateral system can be made to work, supported by adequate finance" Britain must seek a solution "along other lines," is the clue to Britain's attitude in the forthcoming "high level conference" on easing the loan terms which the Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall, announced yesterday.

It means that Britain will say that unless the United States can give her the resources to make convertibility or a sterling loan, convertibility cannot be maintained.

Authoritative quarters tonight confirmed this interpretation and added that the only apparent way to maintain convertibility would be for the United States to agree to hold a mass of sterling, which would be equivalent to a new loan.

Without some such drastic easement, the suspension of sterling convertibility must be expected, and this 1947 version of the gold standard will have lived only a few weeks.—Reuter.

RUSSIA PREPARES FOR WAR

Rome, Aug. 7. ETTORE VANNI, DESCRIBED AS AN ITALIAN COMMUNIST WHO RETURNED TO ITALY AFTER EIGHT YEARS IN THE SOVIET UNION, WRITES IN THE CONSERVATIVE ROME NEWSPAPER IL TEMPO THAT RUSSIA IS NO LONGER COMMUNIST AND IS PREPARING FOR WAR.

"Lenin's country has been reduced to a pitiful anachronism," wrote Vanni, who according to IL Tempo, has himself remained a convinced Communist.

"The dictatorship of the proletariat," he said, "has been replaced by the dictatorship of corruption-bureaucracy which is liquidating every vestige of socialism."—Associated Press.

Opposition Criticism Of Government

London, Aug. 6. The Conservative Opposition, still not convinced that the measures the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, proposed to the House of Commons today will extricate Britain from her economic plight, will probably vote against the Government at the end of the debate tomorrow.

In the views of the Opposition, the emergency measures outlined do not represent the all-out co-operation of the national effort which they consider necessary to beat the present threat to Britain's economic existence.

The plan they think, is too difficult to succeed. Lack of courage and boldness are the Opposition's two chief criticisms of the Government's catalogue of retrenchment measures. They think—and some Labour Members join them in this—that the armed forces cuts are disappointingly small.

They are dismayed at the curtailment of the housing programme, indicated in the reduction of lumber imports. The Opposition, all along, has contended that the programme is inadequate to answer the country's desperate shortage of accommodation.

The hard core of Labour does not agree with the Opposition criticism, predicting that the criticisms of "tinkering" instead of dealing boldly with the fundamentals, will be proved to be without foundation.

Government supporters feel that in the new legislation which is being introduced this week to meet the crisis, the Government has taken a stand broad enough to deal with any eventualities in the national economy.—Reuter.

British Protest In Vienna

Vienna, Aug. 6. Sir George Rendel, chief British representative of the Austrian Treaty Commission, today made a strong protest at a meeting of the Commission against the Soviet action in seizing the Lobau oil refinery, the largest in Austria, which he said, the British Government regarded as an Anglo-American interest.

The American and French representatives supported the British protest.

Sir George Rendel condemned the Russian action as "unilaterally taking the matter into their own hands."—Reuter.

NEW CUNARDER

London, Aug. 6. The 14,000-ton cargo-passenger liner Medway, latest addition to the Cunard White Star fleet, now on its trials, will arrive in the Mersey next Sunday afternoon to load for her maiden voyage to New York on Aug. 20.—Reuter.

Pledge By Workers, Employers

LONDON, AUG. 6. REPRESENTATIVES OF BRITAIN'S INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS TONIGHT PLEDGED "FULL COOPERATION IN ASSISTING TO RESTORE THE ECONOMIC SECURITY OF BRITAIN" WHEN THEY MET UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE MINISTER OF LABOUR, MR. ISAACS, TONIGHT.

The industrial leaders, 16 representatives each from the Employers' Confederation and the Trade Union Congress forming the "National Advisory Council," met at the Ministry of Labour to discuss manpower problems arising from the Government's plans for the redeployment of British industry.

A further meeting to consider detailed application of the Government's proposals will be held next week.—Reuter.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd. The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. North China Insurance Co., Ltd. The Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd.

The undermentioned joined the Boards of Directors of the above Companies as from 17th July, 1947.

C. BLAKER, Esq. (Chairman)
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J. F. MACGREGOR, Esq.
M. H. TURNER, Esq.

The Directors announce the re-establishment of the Head and Registered Offices of the Companies at Union Building, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, as from 17th July 1947.

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

Abridged Combined Revenue Account for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

Fund at beginning of the year	£1,624,070	Claims Paid	£1,245,208
Additional Reserve	524,500	Commissions, Expenses and Pro- vision of Taxation	1,110,216
.....		Transfer to Profit & Loss	284,934
.....		Fund at end of year	2,011,944
.....		Additional Reserve	324,600
.....		£5,170,504

Consolidated Balance Sheet on the 31st December, 1946.

Shareholders' Capital:	LIABILITIES
Authorised	200,000 Shares of £10 each £2,000,000
Issued	135,000 Shares of £10 each £1,350,000
Paid up	135,000 Shares of £10 each £6 paid
General Reserve	£810,000
Hedge Fund	£10,000
Exchange and Investment Account	600,000
Loaned Reserve Account	387,414
Marine Fund	62,222
Fire Fund	1,730,186
Accident and General Fund	187,604
Profit and Loss Account	188,454
.....	301,939
Claims admitted or intimated but not paid:—	£5,507,719
Fire	£178,048
Accident and General	67,459
Staff Provident Fund	265,507
Unclaimed Dividends	563,147
Provisions for Taxation and other Contingencies	74,902
Sundry Creditors and Credit Balances	874,286
Provision for Dividends payable 20th May, 1947	508,843
.....	185,026
ASSETS	£7,978,029
Mortgages on Property out of the United Kingdom	£11,607
Investments:—	
Deposit with the High Court, London, British Government Securities	123,062
British Government Securities	1,479,591
Dominion, Colonial and Indian Government Securities	1,005,089
" Provincial	87,635
" Municipal	68,051
U.S.A. Government Securities	72,733
Other Foreign Government Securities	82,098
Other Railway Debentures	19,373
Bank Debentures	14,850
U.S.A. Public Utility Debentures	81,077
Other Debentures	90,252
Other Preference and Guaranteed Stocks	47,769
Shares in Marine, Fire & General Insurance Cos.	433,843
Other Ordinary Stocks and Shares	243,000
House Property Freehold (at cost, less amounts written off)	231,700
Leasehold	301,500
Sundry Debtors including Branch & Agency Balances	984,603
Interest and Dividends accrued but not payable	38,454
Cash	£ 205,044
On Deposit	1,131,740
On Current Account	1,336,829

All figures in Sterling.

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BOOMERANG POLICY? Arrests Of Zionist Leaders United Front May Be Weakened

Reports from Jerusalem state that the arrest by the British authorities yesterday of 39 Zionist leaders, including three mayors, appears to have had a boomerang effect. The arrests have deeply incensed most of the Zionists in the country and may have the effect of weakening the united front that was being prepared against terrorism.

It is believed that after this act of collective punishment, coupled with the deportation of refugees to France, the desire to conciliate with the Palestine Government by the inhabitants will gradually weaken.

Two of the mayors sent to Latrun detention camp, Israel Shochat, of Tel Aviv, and Oved Ben Ami, of Nathanya, were among the leaders of the proposed united front. Ariele Altman, Chairman of the Revisionist Movement, who is also in Latrun, was recognised as an advocate of anti-terrorism.

The Hebrew newspaper, Haaritz, expressed the amazement of the Jewish people at this latest stroke and recalled that only last week many of those now detained had laid the foundation for an anti-terrorist campaign.

The Revisionist newspaper, Hamshef, went so far as to indicate that the leaders of the Jewish Agency for Palestine had engineered or, at least, encouraged the arrests of their political opponents, but this was categorically denied by an Agency spokesman in Jerusalem today.

It was a little more than a year ago on June 29 that Jewish Agency leaders had been similarly detained at the Latrun detention camp on suspicion of anti-Government activities.

Irgun Reaction
"Davar" declared: "By these arrests, the Government offers a ready argument to those who maintain that the authorities are more interested in undermining the organised strength of Yishuv than in repressing terrorism."

Irgun Zvai Leumi broadcast tonight an "explanation" of the arrests. A rough translation of the Hebrew was, in substance: "The man in the street calls this 'Operation Gold,' but we do not believe it. The Agency was merely told to cooperate with the Government or its leaders would again go to Latrun."

Irgun said that the arrests did not weaken its organisation. The broadcaster said that in future all operations by Irgun would be directed against the military.—Reuter.

POLAND'S PACT WITH RUSSIA

Warsaw, Aug. 7.
Under the new one-year trade
treaty between Poland and the
Soviet Union, details of which
have not yet been published,
Poland will receive 50,000 tons
of cotton from Russia in 1947.

This would amount to 70 per
cent of Poland's needs of last
year (which are still being
partially covered by delayed
UNRRA shipments).

Only 17 per cent of the raw
cotton will be exported to Russia
as finished goods, but these ex-
ports will cover 65 per cent of
the cost of the raw cotton, ac-
cording to Dr. Ludwik Gross-
feld, of the Foreign Trade
Ministry, who headed the Polish
delegation to Moscow.—Reuter.

KILLEARNS IN BANGKOK

Bangkok, Aug. 6.
Lord and Lady Killearn and
party arrived this afternoon for
a three-day private visit, during
which Lord Killearn is sched-
uled to meet the Foreign Minister
on Thursday.

It is possible that Lord Killearn
and the Foreign Minister will
conduct preliminary talks
on the rice situation.

A Council of Regency decree
extended the present session of
the National Parliament, which
should end on Aug. 7. The
Royal decree extends the session
until a new decree to prorogue
Parliament is promulgated.—
United Press.

PRINCESS IN COMMONS

London, Aug. 6.
Princess Elizabeth, heiress
presumptive to the throne, will
for the first time accompany the
King and Queen when His
Majesty opens the new session
of Parliament on Tuesday, Oct.
21.—Reuter.

Marshall On The Japanese Treaty

Washington, Aug. 6.
The Secretary of State, General George Marshall, today said that all the eleven nations approached by the United States on the question of holding the Japanese peace treaty conference had now agreed that it was necessary to act as promptly as possible.

He added, however, that there was some disagreement on procedure.

He said the United States had not yet answered the Russian note, which other officials said wanted to retain the veto power in the writing of the treaty.

General Marshall said the United States and Russia were not yet in communication regarding the possibility of holding a high-level review of the work of the Joint Soviet-American Commission in Korea.

Reviewing the agreement between himself and M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, for reconvening the Joint Commission two months ago, General Marshall said nothing beyond that information was available now.—United Press.

Rumania's Reply Rejected

Washington, Aug. 6.
The United States Government is still "seriously concerned" about the suppression of civil liberties in Rumania and has rejected outright as "unsatisfactory" Rumania's reply to the American note of protest.

The Rumanian reply was to the American protest against the arrest of Dr. Julian Maniu, Rumanian Peasant Party leader, who was charged with plotting against the State and against "smothering" of his Party.

The Rumanian Government claimed that it "cannot take into consideration the United States observations and recommendations which would constitute acts of interference in its internal policy."

The State Department, announcing its rejection of the Rumanian reply, published the text of the new note delivered by the United States representative in Bucharest to the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. George Tarcovescu.

This note complained of the "arbitrary actions" of the measures of public security being perpetrated in Rumania contrary to the explicit undertaking of the Rumanian Government in regard to the assurance of basic human rights to the Rumanian people.

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M.P. Guilty: Breach Of Privilege

Washington, Aug. 6.
The United States has cancelled
the \$7,000,000 Export Import
Bank credit to Hungary, the Secretary of State,
Mr. George Marshall, announced today.

A similar action in respect to the credit to the same nation
for the purchase of United States surplus property was taken
some months ago, following the resignation of M. Ferenc Nagy, the ex-Premier.

—Reuter.

London, Aug. 6.
Mr. Evelyn Walkden, Labour
member, was today found guilty
of a breach of privilege for
disclosing confidential Parliamentary
information to a London evening paper by the
Committee of Privileges, which
guards the House's authority
and reputation.

In a statement on Tuesday in
the House of Commons, Mr. Walkden revealed that he was
the member whose name the editor and political correspond-
ent of the London Evening News had refused to disclose to the
Committee of Privileges when it was investigating leak-
ages to newspapers concerning private meetings of the Parlia-
mentary Labour Party.

Today's report of the Committee of Privileges said that it felt Mr. Walkden "had disclosed to a newspaper information about Party meetings which he well knew was intended to be secret and the value of which to the newspaper concerned was indeed that it was confidential and not obtained through normal sources."—Reuter.

Troops Gather On Albanian Frontier

ATHENS, AUG. 6.
UNUSUAL CONCENTRA-
TIONS OF TROOPS ON THE ALBANIAN FRONTIER WERE REPORTED TODAY IN PRESS DES-
PATCHES FROM JANINA IN NORTHERN EPIRUS.

Strings of army lorries carrying
war material were continually on the road, these reports said. Behind the Albanian line, fortification works were being carried out with the aid of Greeks from northern Epirus who had been forcibly enrolled, the editor said.

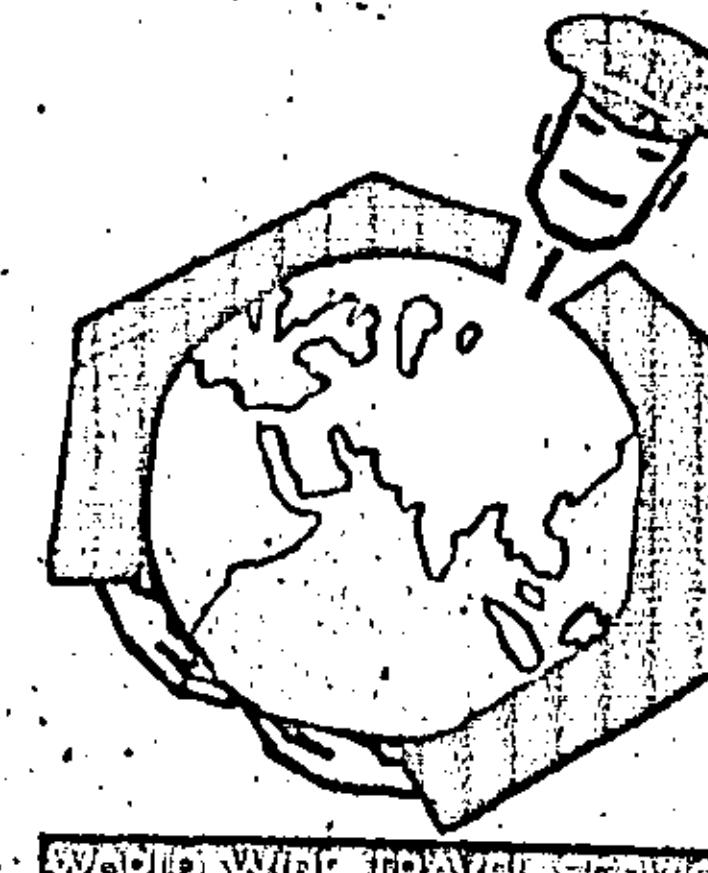
Colonel Doranger, French Military Attaché in Athens, went to the Albanian frontier to make an on-the-spot inspection of the locality where guerrillas recently entered Greek territory from Albania in the Konitsa region.—Reuter.

Bangkok, Aug. 6.
Phra Phisek Phanit, one of the Free Cambodian leaders, flew to Cambodia from here and Rec Khun, Siamese MP for Battambang, is expected at Battambang this week for consultations, which are understood to be peace talks, with the French Commissioner General for Cambodia.

Mr. Phisek's trip was proposed by the Commissioner, who guaranteed his safety during the trip and promised him a safe return to Siam. The letter of invitation was signed by the French Minister to Bangkok, Pierre Gilbert.

Raymond Pilon Bernier, Coun-
sellor at the French Legation, was assigned to accompany Phra Phisek during the trip.—United Press.

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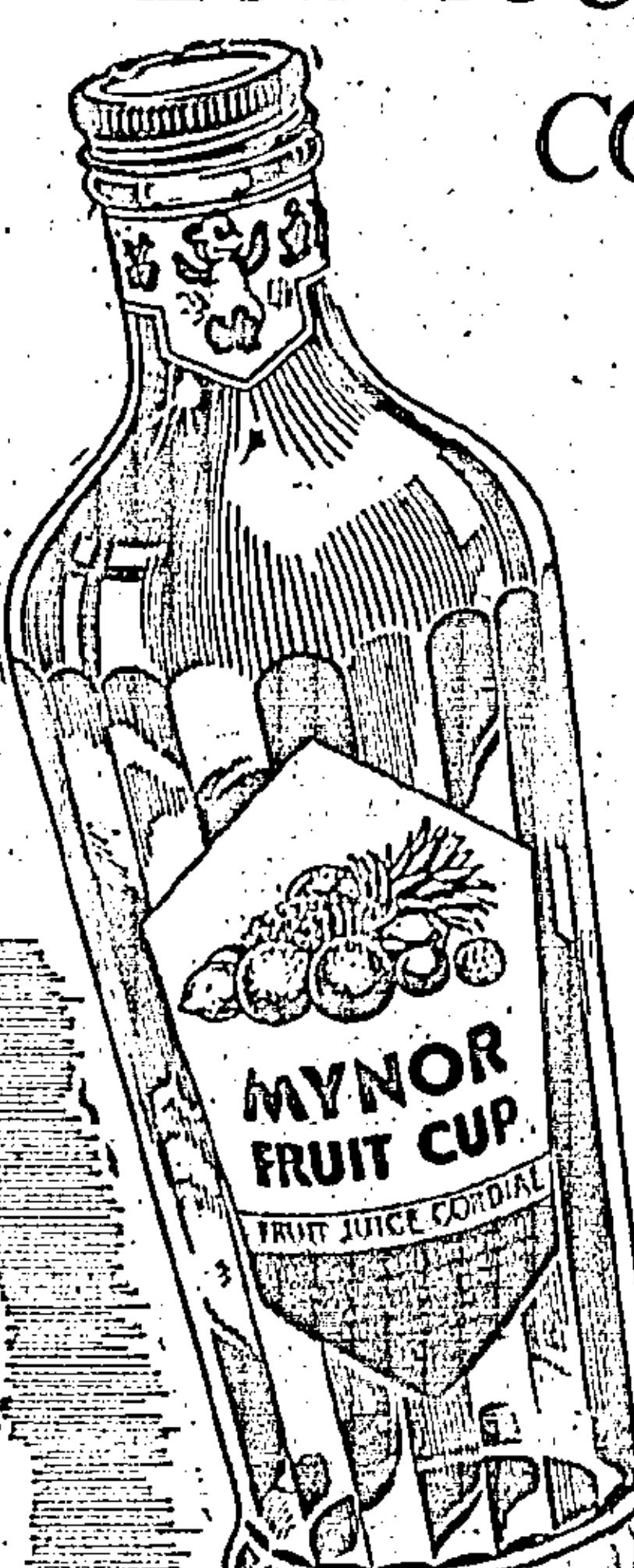
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Open Door To Japan?

TOKYO, Aug. 6. Possibility that the system for American businessmen visiting Japan may be dropped by the year's end as being "unnecessary" has been advanced unofficially by American sources here.

The theory is that accommodations will be sufficient by that time to handle all who wish to come. The sources predicted three factors:

(1) The quotas of other nations not sending the allotted number of private trade representatives will go to the United States;

(2) After the first two quotas arrive and depart from Japan, the "realities" of the trade situation will weed out all save long-termers and dislodge the hopes of those expecting to make a quick killing on exports;

(3) Housing accommodations will have been expanded.

The liveliest controversy in Tokyo today still is the future—if and when—international exchange rate. On one hand SCAP, desirous of stimulating trade, knows the exchange rate is the biggest encouraging factor. On the other hand, if the dollar value is set too high—high enough to satisfy foreign traders—the effect may be to skyrocket the Japanese inflation and possibly further disrupt the economy.

American businessmen are desirous of setting the rate at approximately 200 yen to US\$1—four times above the present SCAP endorsed military exchange rate.

Although SCAP officials realize the present rate does not reflect the true buying power of the yen they are reluctant to haggle as high as 200 to one.—United Press.

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MARSHALL EXTENDS A HELPING HAND TO BRITAIN

Washington, Aug. 6. The United States Government had agreed to a high-level conference with the British on the question of easing the terms of the American loan to Britain, Mr. George Marshall, Secretary of State, announced at a press conference today.

Speaking as the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told the House of Commons of the British economic crisis, he said that the proposed conference would be concerned with the possible modification of anti-discrimination clauses.

Beyond the fact that the conference would be at high-level, no details of the time, venue or composition of the delegations had yet been fixed, Mr. Marshall said.

He stressed that the conference would concentrate solely on the question of liberalizing the conditions of the loan and would not

WOMAN FINED FOR ASSAULTING WARD

Ng Yee, (60), No. 3 Man Hing Lane, was charged on two counts of failing to report possession of a ward and of common assault on the ward before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

She was fined \$40.

The girl is to be held in the custody of the S.C.A.

Inspector Fraser said that on August 6 Sin Wong Hing (13) complained to the police that she had been assaulted by her foster mother because she had not prepared her meal in time.

Defendant was a vegetable hawker, and was usually out all day, leaving complainant to do all household work.

This was the first time complainant had been assaulted. Otherwise she had been well treated.

Defendant was fined \$40.

REMANDED

As one of the principal witnesses was in hospital, a remand to August 25 was granted by Mr. J.G. Conklin at Central yesterday when Kwok Chan Wah of the Import and Export Department was charged on two counts of impersonating a police officer and assault.

Chau Ching Lam of the same department was charged with assault.

S. I. Saul appeared for the prosecution. Mr. C.Y. Kwan represented both defendants.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Bangkok on account of smallpox have been removed.

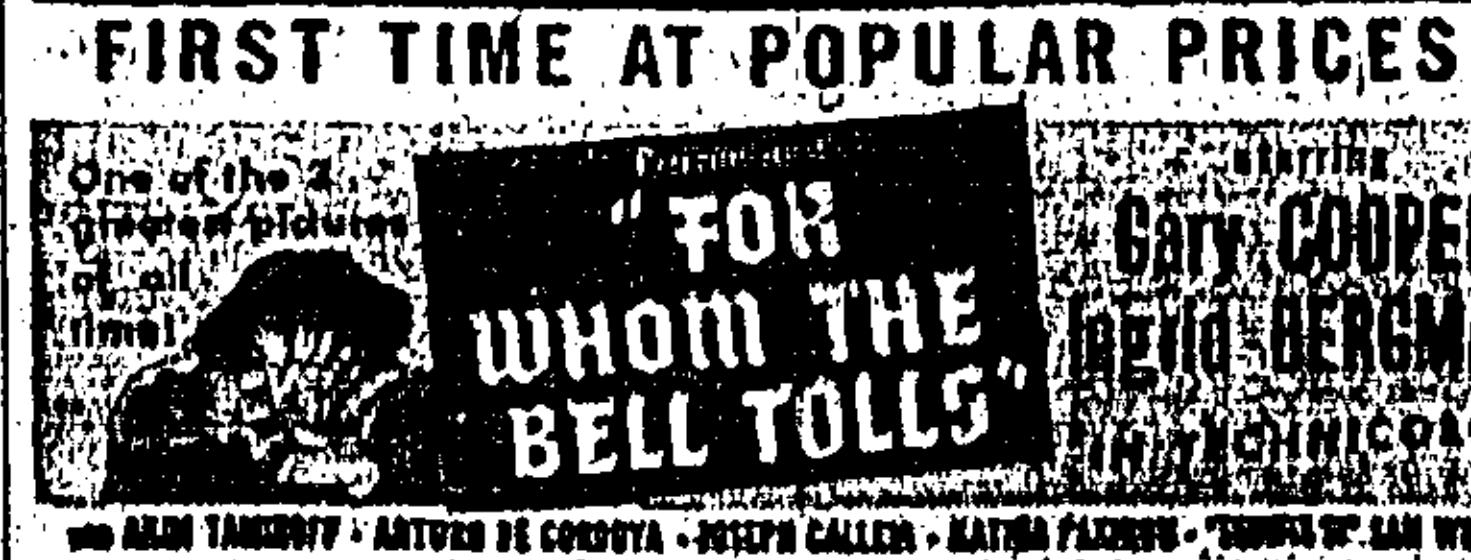
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Atom Bombs Scarce

Chicago, Aug. 6. An authority on armaments today charged that the Navy's views on atomic warfare were based on the assumption that atom bombs would be scarce "for a rather long time to come."

Bernard Brodie, writing in the Bulletin of atomic scientists, said that the Navy's atomic bomb philosophy "may evaporate a good deal faster than the Navy expects".

A member of Yale University's Institute of International Studies, Mr. Brodie interviewed many top-ranking Admirals to learn what they thought about atomic weapons. He said some authorities believed the cost of a single atomic bomb eventually would be cut to US\$1,000,000, or less than the cost of the B-29 to carry it. The bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki cost US\$1,000,000, each.

Brodie said the Navy apparently believed that atomic bombs would remain scarce and expensive and that because of their scarcity reliable means must be developed to drop them on the enemy. He said the Navy believed that unescorted long-range bombers would not be reliable enough.

He added, however, that because of the bomb's destructiveness, the attacker could defeat the enemy if only one out of ten of its atomic weapons ever reached its target. He said this would mean 90 per cent of an attacking bomber force could be shot down and the raid would still be successful.

In conventional bombing raids during the last war, a 10 per cent loss of planes was considered the maximum for the raid to be a strategic success.—United Press.

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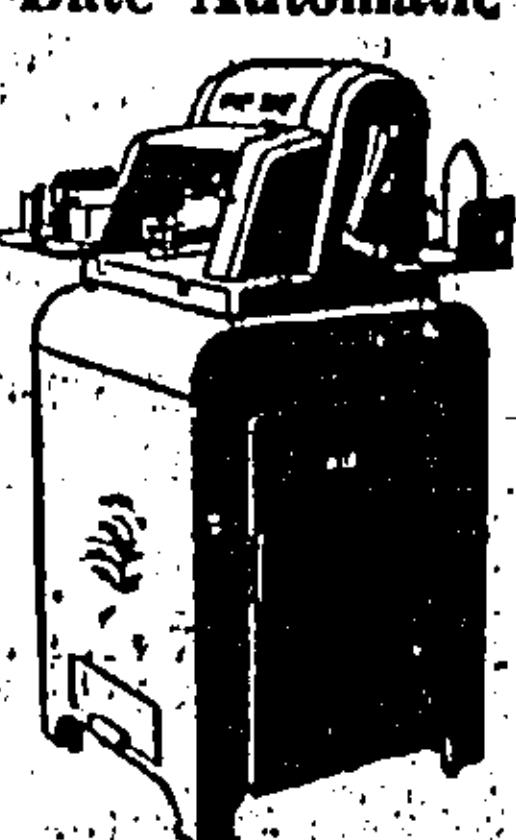
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